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OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS

OF
Westhampton, Mass.,

FOR THE
Year Ending March 1st, 1899



EASTHAMPTON, MASS.,
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Selectmen's Report.

HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES.

HIGHWAY BILLS, 1897.

S. D. Lyman	\$47 17	
W. H. Lyman	10 00	
C. N. Loud	9 67—\$	66 84

SNOW BILLS.

H. L. Dodge	12 12	
Franklin Howard	25 47	
S. D. Lyman	21 72	
A. T. Edwards	28 33	
A. E. Damon	21 88	
G. L. Hathaway	29 56	
H. W. Montague	11 12	
I. O. Shaw	10 64	
C. Connors	10 37	
P. A. Connery	17 50	
L. W. Clapp	4 05	
George Coleman	4 30	
G. E. Knight	2.50	
A. L. Searle	.75—\$	200 31

HIGHWAY WORK BY D. S. BRIDGMAN, SUPERINTENDENT.

D. S. Bridgman,	\$219 95
G. A. Witherell	117 36
A. T. Edwards	65 48
F. Howard	47 27
W. Kingsley	49 81
A. J. Griffin	46 06
Almon Benson	17 75
J. Boucher	26 91
Orville Flint	15 24
A. Delisle	6 00
G. W. Coleman	7 58
L. W. Clapp	1 50
A. Labarge	5 17
F. A. Hathaway	22
F. Holdridge	7 33
G. Amlaw	5 75
F. C. Montague	5 83
A. Damon	1 75
G. Hathaway	6 92
C. Connors	6 50
Levi Burt	10 50
E. H. Montague	7 00
W. Adams	4 50
Lyman Bridgman	10
E. J. Burt	1 33
Cowles & Childs, 2500 feet chestnut plank	32 50
“ “ 50 posts.	2 50
“ “ Railing	2 40
100 feet 6-inch Tile at 9c.	9 00
30 feet 4-inch Tile	1 50
Delivering	1 00
Axle for Scraper	1 50

Paint for Scraper and Railing	3	35	
Spikes and Grease	1	33	
L. A. Howard's bill	30	16	
C. N. Loud, timber	9	00	—\$ 788 05
Paint and Oil	4	15	
Paint brush		50	
Painting railing	2	55	
Scraper of Newkirk	6	50	
Cowles & Childs, 37 posts	1	85	
Spikes and Nails	1	26	
Propping up bridge by H. M. Parsons	3	00	
A. T. Edwards, 260 feet chestnut plank			
at 14c	3	64	
Cowles & Childs, 370 ft. “ “ at 13c	4	81	
“ “ 550 ft. hemlock plank at 8c	4	40	
H. W. Montague, posts		35	
C. Connors		60	
G. W. Graves	1	50	
G. Frisbee	2	25	
A. E. Damon		64	
E. Blaksley	3	75	
A. J. Griffin	12	75	
George Hathaway	3	32	
H. A. Parsons	4	00	
Johnny Gummer	3	00	
F. C. Montague	1	50	
Wm. Kingsley	15	42	
Orville Flint	1	50	
A. Fisher	3	40	
L. Howard	3	00	
D. S. Bridgman	73	30	
E. P. Torrey	34	80	
S. D. Lyman	11	49	

F. C. Montague, Parsons bridge	10 35—\$	219 85
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		\$1,274 78

SUPPORT OF POOR.

William Lawler at Northampton hospital	\$169 46	
Isadore Howard at Worcester Hospital	169 46	
Mrs. Duggan at Northampton almshouse	159 70	
Mrs. Keating with James Moran	97 00	
Annie and Kate Cassidy, Mrs. R. A. Pratt, board and clothing	9 74	
Kate Cassidy, T. Edwards, clothing	12 35—\$	617 71
Heman Pittsinger, settlement Deerfield	62 30—	62 30
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Total for support of poor		\$680 01
State aid		44 00
Street and Wright fund		25 00
Thayer fund for parish		24 00
Dog fund for library		70 44
Street lamps		19 14

MISCELLANEOUS.

Westhampton Water Co.	\$5 00
Enterprise Printing Co., printing reports	28 15
Hampshire Mutual Fire Insurance Co.	14 25
F. W. Blaksley, Clark scholarship	6 42
A. D. Rice, express	55
Climax Road Machine Co., machine points	4 00
George Burt, Memorial Day appropriation	25 00
F. H. Judd, express and postage	3 35
A. D. Rice, postage	40
A. D. Rice, tax book	1 10

Westhampton Water Co.	10 00	
G. E. Knight, driving hearse	15 00	
G. E. Knight, mowing cemetery	6 00	
G. E. Knight, care town hall	11 25	
A. K. Chapman, repairing scraper and postage	2 47	
H. A. Parsons, sundries	2 31	
F. C. Montague, wood for hall	13 00	
A. D. Rice, express	25	
Florence Machine Co., castings	9 93	
Berlin Iron Bridge Co., guide boards	1 50	
A. D. Rice, express	35	
F. H. Judd, express and postage	6 02	
G. L. Hathaway, wire fence	2 37	
G. E. Knight, librarian	20 00	
George Tower, wire fence	9 37	
F. H. Judd, express	75	
H. C. Williams, public water tub	3 00—\$	201 79

TOWN OFFICERS.

F. H. Judd, clerk	\$15 00	
“ “ sealer	5 00	
“ “ elector	4 00	
“ “ registrar	7 00	
“ “ clerk's report	5 00	
“ “ recording births, deaths and marriages	11 30	
“ “ paid for returning births and deaths	2 25	
“ “ office room	2 00—\$	51 55
A. K. Chapman, treasurer	25 00	
“ “ election officer	1 50—\$	26 50

A. D. Rice, selectman	18 00	
“ “ assessor	20 00	
“ “ overseer of poor	5 50	
“ “ registrar	6 00—	49 50
F. C. Montague, selectman	8 00	
“ “ assessor	12 50	
“ “ overseer of poor	5 00	
“ “ registrar	6 00—	31 50
Joseph Hathaway, selectman	8 75	
“ “ assessor	8 87	
“ “ overseer of poor	7 50	
“ “ registrar	5 00—	30 12
Levi Burt, constable	2 00—	2 00
E. B. Bridgman, constable	2 50—	2 50
A. D. Montague, auditor	1 50—	1 50
John Pollard, election officer	1 50—	1 50
W. J. Lyman, meat inspector	13 50—	13 50
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		\$210 17

TAXES.

State tax	\$137 00	
County tax	479 12	
S. D. Lyman, collector 1896	44 03	
Discount on taxes, 1897	123 95	
“ “ Thayer fund, 1897	25 00	
S. D. Lyman, collector	42 36	
Discount on taxes, 1898	123 97	
Discount by Thayer fund, 1898	24 00—\$	999 43
Payment on Vault note	100 00	
“ “ Notes borrowed money	2,400 00	
Interest on notes	68 94—\$	2,568 94

RECAPITULATION.

Highways	\$1,274 78	
Support of poor	680 01	
State aid	44 00	
Street and Wright fund	25 00	
Thayer fund for parish	24 00	
Dog fund for Library	70 44	
Street lamps	19 14	
Town officers	210 17	
Miscellaneous	201 79	
Taxes	999 43	
Payment on Vault note	100 00	
Payment on borrowed money	2,400 00	
Interest	68 94	
Total Selectmen's orders		\$ 6,117 70
School Committee's orders		1,924 69
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Total expenditures		\$ 8,042 39
Balance Feb. 3, 1898,	\$1,837 28	
Assessment	3,920 23	
From Treasurer's Book	3,743 38—	\$ 9,500 89
Balance Feb. 1, 1899,		1,458 50

LIABILITIES.

Note at Savings Bank	800 00
A. D. RICE	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Westhampton.</i>
F. C. MONTAGUE,	
JOSEPH HATHAWAY,	

Westhampton, February 1, 1899.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and find that they have drawn orders and have vouchers to the amount of six thousand one hundred and seventeen dollars and seventy cents, (\$6,117.70).

A. D. MONTAGUE, Auditor.

List of Jurors.

Dwight S. Bridgman,	Henry A. Parsons,
George L. Hathaway,	Michael Connery,
J. Holland Kingsley,	A. D. Rice,
Arthur T. Edwards.	

Assessors' Report.

Real Estate Valuation	\$180,004	
Personal Estate Valuation	36,822	
Total Valuation		\$216,826 00
Tax Rate \$17.		
Real Estate Tax	3,060 20	
Personal Estate Tax	626 03	
Polls	234 00	
Total Tax		3,920 23
Tax Levy		
State tax	135 00	
County tax	479 12	
Schools	1,000 00	
Highways	1,100 00	
Support of Poor	500 00	
Town officers	275 00	
Vault note	100 00	
Discount on taxes	100 00	
Contingencies	200 00	
Overlayings	31 11—	\$3920 23

A. D. RICE,	} Assessors of Westhampton
F. C. MONTAGUE,	
JOSEPH HATHAWAY,	

Treasurer's Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1899.

Dr.

Balance from last year	\$1,837 28
A. G. Jewett, int. on Wright fund	25 00
N. A. Kingsley “ “	25 00
Easthampton Savings Bank, int. on Thayer Fund	34 53
Northampton Institution of Savings	2,000 00
Geo. Burt Memorial Day Funds returned	6 00
Harriet F. Judd, for organ	8 00
Trustees, estate of Whiting Street	52 50
State Treasurer, insane poor	254 19
“ “ Inspection of animals	14 25
“ “ Corporation tax	22 19
“ “ National Bank tax	273 30
“ “ State Aid	39 00
“ “ Income Mass. school fund	750 43
“ “ Tuition of Children	50 00
Rent of Hall	3 00
County Treasurer, dog fund	70 44

Town of Deerfield	84 30
F. H. Judd, int. on Thayer fund	31 25—\$5580 66
Amount of assessment	3920 23
Total	<hr/> \$9,500 89

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By paid orders of Selectmen	6,117 70
“ “ School Committee	1,924 69
Balance in treasury	754 09
Balance due from Collector	704 41—\$9500 89

There is one note due the Northampton Institution of Savings of \$700 00, leaving an actual balance in the town's favor of \$758 50.

A. K. CHAPMAN, *Treasurer.*

Westhampton, Mass., Feb. 1, 1899.

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct, showing disbursements to the amount of eight thousand no hundred and forty-two dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$8,042.39) for which proper vouchers are on file and a balance of cash on hand of seven hundred and fifty-four dollars and nine cents (\$754.09).

Due from Collector, seven hundred and four dollars and forty-one cents (\$704.41).

A. D. MONTAGUE, *Auditor.*

Town Clerk's Report.

FOR THE YEAR 1898.



BIRTHS. 1898

- 1 Jan. 6. Marie Aladd Deflongchamp
- 2 Feb. 9. Raymond Chester Williams ✓
- 3 Mar. 19. Victor Boucher
- 4 Mar. 18. Mary Levia Boucher
- 5 Apr. 24. Annie Elizabeth Lyman ✓
- 6 Apr. 27. Myrtle Alice Amlaw
- 7 June 5. Howard
- 8 Oct. 30. Cora Etta Harvel
- 9 Nov. 25. Lillian Alice Graves ✓

Births recorded in recent years.

'88	'89	'90	'91	'92	'93	'94	'95	'96	'97
12	8	12	12	15	15	12	7	9	16

MARRIAGES RECORDED. 1898

- ¹ April 20, Etienn Challet of Westhampton,
Anelda Boucher of Westhampton
- ² April 20, Frank W. Niles of Westhampton,
Rose Nellie Pittsinger of Westhampton.
- ³ June 8, Francis A. Loud of Westhampton,
Elsie K. Bartlett of Westhampton,
- ⁴ June 8. J. Augustus Pollard of Westhampton,
Flora M. Kingsley of Westhampton.

Marriages recorded in recent years.

'88	'89	'90	'91	'92	'93	'94	'95	'96	'97
4	6	4	3	4	5	5	2	4	4

DEATHS-1898

- ¹ Jan. 21. Charlotte A. W. Kingsley, 71-8-6
- ² Mar. 14. Ella Grace Hathaway, 3-6-7
- ³ July 9. Annie Elizabeth Lyman, 2-15
- ⁴ July 13. Myrtle Alice Amlaw, 2-14
- ⁵ Aug. 14. Ethel Beatrice Lyman, 1-2-28
- ⁶ Sept. 15. Peter Gagnon, 68- -21
- ⁷ Oct. 10. Fred W. Clapp, 25- -
- ⁸ Oct. 25. Parmenas King, 72- -13
- ⁹ Dec. 14. Catharine C. Slattery, 58-7
- ¹⁰ Dec. 27. Catherine N. McCarthy, 62

Deaths recorded in recent years.

'88	'89	'90	'91	'92	'93	'94	'95	'96	'97
5	5	4	5	13	12	10	11	5	6

Causes of Death: Pneumonia 1, Tuberculosis 2, Marasmus 2, Chicken Pox 1, Whooping Cough 1, Cerebral Hem-

orrhage 1, Bright's Disease 1, Found Dead 1.

Mortgages of Personal property 9.

All other papers 1.

DOGS LICENSED.

C. T. Williams	April 2	Chas Connors	May 26
Nathan Damon, 2	13	J. H. Kingsley	30
F. C. Montague	14	W. J. Anderson	June 13
A. L. Snow	20	F. J. Pomeroy	16
G. H. Coleman	23	H. M. Clapp	July 2
G. A. Witherell, 2	26	H. Haunton	20
Levi Burt	26	W. J. Lyman	22
S. A. Rust	27	M. G. Crandall	22
Jos. Hathaway	29	S. D. Lyman	22
A. S. Bridgman	30	P. A. Connery	25
F. H. Judd	30	Geo. Tower	Aug. 20
W. L. Collier	30	John Gravelin	31
A. D. Montague, Jr.	30	A. T. Edwards	Sept. 1
T. P. Elwell	30	E. A. Bartlett	23
Mrs. Pelton,	30	H. J. Payson	23
Henry Hathaway	30	E. W. Payson	23
A. D. Rice	30	Fred Laduc	24
I. O. Shaw	May 2	M. K. Parsons	21
G. W. Graves	2	C. H. Bartlett	26
P. Connors	3	John Gravelin	26
H. L. Dodge	3	M. J. Slattery	26
W. D. Wicks,	9	F. H. Judd	29
W. R. Lyman	14	F. Howard	30
H. W. Montague	18	Henry Hathaway	Oct. 15
A. K. Chapman	20	A. J. Griffin	Nov. 12
L. W. Clapp	21	Two transfers.	

Amount received from Licenses in former years.

'88	'89	'90	'91	'92	'93	'94	'95	'96	'97
\$124	129	106	95	115	95	108	99	101	106

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

To cash received for 30 Licenses at \$2 00 to June 1, 1898	\$60 00
Less 30 fees at 20 cents	6 00
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Due County June 1, 1898	\$54 00
Cash rec'd for 22 Licenses at \$2 00 to Dec. 1, 1898	\$44 00
.. .. 1 License at 5 00 ..	5 00
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	\$49 00
Less 23 fees at 20 cents	4 60
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Due County Dec. 1, 1898	\$44 40
By County Treasurer's Receipt, June 1, 1898	54 00
.. .. " .. Dec. 1, 1898	44 40
Whole amount received from licenses	\$109 00
" .. returned from County Treasury	70 44
Respectfully submitted,	
F. H. JUDD, <i>Town Clerk.</i>	

Westhampton, Feb. 1, 1899.

I have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk for
the year ending February 1, 1899, and find them correct.

A. D. MONTAGUE, *Auditor.*

Report of the Joint School Board.

TO DISTRICT COMPRISING TOWNS OF EASTHAMPTON, SOUTH-
AMPTON AND WESTHAMPTON, FOR YEAR
ENDING JULY 1, 1898.

Received from State Treasurer			\$1,250 00
Credited to Superintendent's salary		\$750 00	
“ to towns of district on basis of average total membership of schools of district for year end- ing July 1, 1898,			
To Easthampton	\$383 91		
To Southampton	78 15		
To Westhampton	37 94		
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	\$500 00	500 00	
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		\$1250 00	\$1,250 00

Received from towns of district
on basis of average total
membership for year end-
ing July 1, 1898,

Town of Easthampton, share Superintendent's salary,	\$575 87	
Town of Southampton, share Superintendent's salary,	117 23	
Town of Westhampton, share Superintendent's salary,	56 90	
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	\$750 00	\$750 00
State Treasurer credited to Supt's salary,		750 00
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		\$1,500 00
Paid Supt. salary for year ending July 1, 1898,		1,500 00
Net cost to Easthampton year ending July 1, 1898,	\$191 96	
Net cost to Southampton year ending July 1, 1898,	39 08	
Net cost to Westhampton year ending July 1, 1898,	18 96	
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	\$250 00	

C. H. JOHNSON, *Chm. Joint Com.*
C. N. LOUD, *Secretary.*

REPORT

of the

School Committee of Westhampton.

STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS, TEACHERS EMPLOYED, WAGES. CENTER SCHOOL.

Miss Myra E. Kingsley, Miss Harriet F. Judd.

No. of pupils enrolled	28
Average membership	21.3
" attendance	20.2
No. of pupils over 15 years	2
" " under 5 years	1
" " between 8 and 14	25
No. of weeks school	32
Wages paid teacher	\$282 60
Fuel, H. M. Clapp	14 50
Janitor's services	4 50
Cleaning school house	3 50
E. P. Torrey, repairs	1 75
Orville Flint, repairs	1 75
C. N. Loud, repairs	3 75
Slating for blackboards	2 50
Water Co.	6 00

The Clark scholarship prize was awarded to Ellen Torrey.

Not absent during the year, Myron M. Clapp, Mabel L. Flint, Gilbert J. Flint, Dana E. Pelton.

Two of the pupils from this school, Lillian M. Parsons and Ida M. Pollard, entered the High School in Northampton at the commencement of the school year, and several other pupils are hoping to enter some High school at the fall term. Where there has been any failure to pass a satisfactory examination for the High school, the defect has been in spelling, language and arithmetic, and your committee would suggest that in these branches especial care should be taken not alone in this school, but in every school where there are pupils intending to take a High school course, in order that these branches may be thoroughly understood.

There is in this school house a necessity for new blackboards and your committee hope to be able to put in slate in the near future.

NORTH-EAST SCHOOL.

Miss Ellen D. Leonard.

No. of pupils enrolled	25
Average membership	17
" attendance	16
No. of pupils over 15 years	2
" " under 5 years	0
" " between 8 and 14 years	14
No. of weeks school	32
Wages paid teacher	\$251 20
A. D. Montague, Jr., fuel	7 50
" " flag rope	92

Cleaning school house	2 75
Making fires	1 75

We have been fortunate in securing the services of Miss Leonard during the past year, and find that the pupils have a better opportunity of making progress where one teacher can teach them for several consecutive terms than where two or three teachers have them. Several of the pupils in this school are preparing for the High school and are expecting to enter at the commencement of the school year, and we hope that the preparation they make will be so thorough that their standing in these schools shall be fully up to those who have graduated and of whose standing we have as a rule reason to be proud.

There seems to be a desire to destroy or to injure the property of the town at this school house; last year the building was considerably damaged and a new flag rope was carried away. This year the rope has again been taken, causing considerable expense, not only for a rope but for taking down the pole to put in a new rope.

Let every tax payer feel that it is for his benefit to detect the thief and report him to the proper authorities.

NORTH-WEST SCHOOL.

Edith T. Shaw.

No. of pupils enrolled	8
Average membership	7
“ attendance	6.5
No. of pupils over 15 years	0

“ “ under 5 years	0
“ “ between 8 and 14 years	5
No. of weeks school	20
Wages paid teacher	\$120 00
Janitor's services	2 00
Repairs	3 80

We find by the register there were none in this school who were not absent or tardy. The average attendance was fairly good and we find very few tardy marks for the two terms.

New blackboards are needed in this school house, and we hope to put in some the coming year.

HILL SCHOOL.

Miss Harriet Judd, Miss Zelinda E. Hager.

No. of pupils enrolled	24
Average membership	1 89
“ attendance	17
No. of pupils over 15 years	2
“ “ under 5 years	1
“ “ between 8 and 14 years	13
No. of weeks school	32
Wages of teacher	\$251 20
Fuel	15 00
Janitor's services	4 50
Cleaning school house	2 50
Repairs	2 75

The difference between the enrollment in this school and the membership is accounted for in the removal of several

pupils from town during the year. Several children of school age we find have not attended school as the law requires. This should be remedied another year.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Miss Mary A. Lyman.

No. of pupils enrolled	25
Average membership	18.2
" attendance	17.5
No. of pupils over 15 years	0
" " under 5 years	3
" " between 8 and 14	16
No. of weeks school	32
Wages paid teacher	\$251.20
S. D. Lyman, repairs	2 25
C. N. Loud, repairs	3 45

For the first time in several years we find by the register there is no pupil we can call not absent nor tardy.

We find, however, with a record of twenty-five pupils enrolled, only eleven marks of tardiness for the whole year, and the record of attendance has been remarkably good, for which the parents as well as the teachers are to be commended.

EXPENSES.

Teachers' salaries	\$1,156 20
Loudville school	261 54

Books, Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	\$4 68	
J. L. Hammett Co.,	13 17	
Geo. S. Perry & Co.,	5 10	
S. W. Straub & Co.,	7 48	
L. E. Torrey, order book	2 25	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	29 63	
“ “ “ “	5 00	
Ginn & Co.,	1 05	
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	5 02	
Enterprise Printing Co.,	1 25	
Easthampton, paper, pencils, etc.,	40 18	
Misc. books of reference	6 50—\$	121 31
Tuition, Easthampton school committee		50 00
“ Northampton school committee		60 00
H. L. Dodge, transportation pupils		76 00
Superintendent's salary		18 96
Fuel		36 00
Janitor's service		15 75
Cleaning school houses		8 75
Westhampton Water Co.,		6 00
Repairs		17 42
Express and freight		5 60
Postage and stationery		3 65
Sundries		2 75
A. D. Montagne, for services		6 50
F. D. Bridgman, “ “		12 00
C. N. Loud, “ “ 10 days		25 00
Bal. unpaid last year		41 26
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		\$1,924 69

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation	\$1000 00
State school fund	494 43

State School fund teachers	256 00
Tuition	50 00
Balance from last year	232 12
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	\$2,032 55

Orders drawn for payment of the teachers' salaries for the last term will be paid from the balance remaining at settlement Feb. 1st.

The town has received from the state this year \$800 43

The \$256 received from the state to be applied for increase of teachers' wages will be given only on condition that the towns shall pay for wages an amount not less than the average wages for the three preceding years, and in order to do this we shall need an amount not less than the town has raised the past year.

A. D. MONTAGUE, JR.,	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
F. D. BRIDGMAN,		
C. N. LOUD,		

Westhampton, Feb. 1, 1899.

I have examined the accounts of the School Committee and find that they have drawn orders and have vouchers to the amount of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four dollars and sixty-nine cents (\$1,924.69).

A. D. MONTAGUE, *Auditor.*

REPORT of the School Superintendent.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GENTLEMEN:—

I respectfully submit the regular annual report of the Superintendent of Schools for the school year 1898—'99.

MONTHLY OUTLINES.

It has seemed advisable to introduce a system of monthly outlines for the guidance of the teachers. Owing to the distance between the schools it is not practicable to hold monthly teachers' meetings, and these outlines are designed to take the place of such meetings. At the first of each month, an outline of the work to be done by the pupils for that month is sent to each teacher. These outlines are posted in the school rooms so that all the pupils can see exactly what they are to do. The plan has been thoroughly tested in another town in this district and has been found to work very satisfactorily.

The advantages are: that both teachers and pupils know exactly what they are to do, the work is laid out according to a definite plan, and the pupils feel, at the end of the year, that they have accomplished something definite. Also, if a teacher comes in at any time, she knows exactly what to do and there is no loss from a break in the work.

At the end of each month, I shall give written or oral tests on the work of the month. It is not our purpose to hurry, but to go so slowly and thoroughly that the pupils shall thoroughly understand and know the work that is gone over.

For my convenience the classes are called grades, but no attempt is made to grade the pupils strictly, and it is not necessary that a pupil shall be in the same grade in all his studies. He may be in any grade where he can work to the best advantage. For example: he may be in the fourth grade in geography, in the fifth grade in arithmetic, and in the sixth grade in reading. In this way a pupil can advance just as rapidly as he is able to do the work. It is really the ideal plan of promoting pupils and one that can not be carried out in larger towns where the pupils are strictly graded. For this year I am not able to assign definite work in all the studies, because the classes in the different schools are not together now and it would be a loss to some of the pupils if the classes were brought together at once. A sufficient number of these monthly outlines will be sent to each teacher so that, if the parents desire, each pupil can take one home.

COURSE OF STUDY.

As many of the pupils go to high schools in other towns to complete their studies, it is necessary that the work done here shall be nearly the same as that done in the larger towns.

It has seemed to me that a brief outline of the work that it is desirable to accomplish in the schools will be an advantage to all concerned.

FIRST YEAR.

Arithmetic:—Combinations of numbers to ten.

SECOND YEAR.

Arithmetic:—Write and read numbers to 100. Combinations, addition, subtraction and the even divisions to 20. Multiplication table, twos.

THIRD YEAR.

Arithmetic:—All the multiplication table. Addition and subtraction of numbers of three figures. Short division.

FOURTH YEAR.

Arithmetic:—Multiplication by two figures. Long division. Use of fractions having 2, 4, 8, 3 and 6 for denominators. Dry and liquid measures.

Geography:—Forms of land and water as given in the first twenty pages of Frye's small book.

Language:—Part First of Hyde's First Book.

FIFTH YEAR.

Arithmetic:—Fractions. All tables in denominate numbers. United States money.

Geography:—Frye's small book completed.

Language:—Part Second of Hyde's First Book.

SIXTH YEAR.

Arithmetic:—Decimals. Percentage. Measurements and surfaces.

Geography:—The Americas with special attention to the United States.

Language:—Review previous work, or with seventh year.

History:—Eggleston's First Book.

SEVENTH YEAR.

Arithmetic:—Percentage: profit and loss, commission, interest. Denominate numbers. Mensuration, solids, circles, cylinders, etc.

Geography:—Eurasia, Africa and Australia. Review continents.

Language:—Hyde's Second Book.

History:—American History through the Revolutionary War, in larger book.

EIGHTH YEAR.

Arithmetic:—Percentage: partial payments, etc. Proportion, Square root and applications. Mensuration.

Geography:—The American, English, German, French and Russian nations.

Language:—Hyde's Advanced or similar text book. Simple sentences, nouns, verbs, adjectives and other parts of speech, except pronouns in complex sentences.

History:—Finish American History.

NINTH YEAR.

Arithmetic:—Percentage: stocks, bonds, banking, etc. General review of all work. Algebra one term for those who

intend to take a high school course.

Geography:—Review.

Language:—Pronouns. Compound and complex sentences. Thorough review.

History:—Rapid review of American history. English history for those who intend to take a high school course.

Civil Government:—For those who do not take algebra or English history.

Physiology:—Hutchinson's.

Reading and spelling every day. Below the ninth year, teachers give instruction in temperance physiology, using text books in the upper grades.

The above table indicates the general order in which the subjects are taken up. It is impossible for all pupils to follow it exactly in years because some pupils may be able to complete the course in less than the given time, while others, who are absent a good deal, will require more than the time assigned.

Very respectfully,

W. D. MILLER.

ARTICLES

IN THE

Warrant for Town Meeting, March 7, 1898.

Article 1.—To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2.—To choose a Town Clerk.

Art. 3.—To act on all reports presented at said meeting.

Art. 4.—To choose all necessary Officers to serve the town the ensuing year.

Art. 5.—To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

Art. 6.—To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year.

Art. 7.—To vote “Yes” or “No” on the question, “Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?”

Art. 8.—To raise money to put a new roof on the Town Hall.

Art. 9.—To take action in regard to the collection of Taxes.

Art. 10.—To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money to meet current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

